

REMARKS:Prior Action

Applicants first note that the claims elected in the response (dated 2/23/04) to restriction requirement mailed 1/29/04 are different than the claims actually examined in the present office action. Applicants hereby accept as elected the claims actually examined in the present office action.

Claims 1-9, 14

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate allowance of claims 1-9, 14.

Claims 16-17

Claims 16 and 17 have been amended in a manner believed to clarify the subject matter being claimed as well as remove any ambiguity as to the scope of the claims. Allowance of claims 16 and 17 is respectfully requested.

Claim 3

Claim 3 has been amended in a manner believed to overcome the objection to the claim. Particularly, the word --the-- has been inserted before "adapter" in line 1.

Claim 20

Claim 20 has been added to further define the invention and vary the scope of the claims. Claim 20 includes the subject matter indicated as allowable in part 6 of the office action, and so is believed to be allowable.

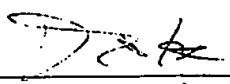
In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner

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is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0466 (Order No. SJO9-2001-0135US1).

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